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1. SUMMARY: POLITICAL PARTIES CLASH IN SOUTHERN CYANGUGU PREFECTURE, NOV 8 TO 10; THREE KILLED. AN ANTI-TANK MINE WAS DISCOVERED NORTH OF CYANGUGU TOWN ON NOV 10; TWO ARRESTED, THREE KILLED. A WORKER AT THE KIBOGORA HOSPITAL, RUN BY AMERICAN MISSIONARIES, WAS SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ON NOV. 11. THESE APPARENTLY UNRELATED INCIDENTS HAVE CREATED A

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SIGNIFICANT RISE IN TENSIONS IN THE CYANGUGU AREA.
END SUMMARY.

PARTY CLASHES

2. THREE APPARENTLY UNRELATED INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN CYANGUGU PREFECTURE HAVE INCREASED TENSIONS IN THE AREA OVER THE PAST WEEK. THE EVENTS BEGAN WITH A CLASH BETWEEN THE MDR AND MRND PARTIES IN NYAKABUYE COMMUNE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE

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PREFECTURE. THE CLASH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SPARKED ON NOV. 8 BY A STRICTLY PERSONAL CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE WHO WERE INCIDENTALLY MEMBERS OF THE TWO PARTIES. THE CONFLICT QUICKLY DEGENERATED INTO A PITCHED BATTLE BETWEEN MDR AND MRND PARTY MEMBERS IN THE AREA. MDR MEMBERS ARE ACCUSED OF HAVING DESTROYED AND PILLAGED HOUSES AND SHOPS. WHEN THE BOURGMESTRE ATTEMPTED TO CALM THE SITUATION, POLICE ACCOMPANYING HIM FIRED ON MDR MEMBERS, KILLING THREE PEOPLE. THE MDR THEN EXACTED VENGEANCE AGAINST THE MRD. WHILE THE PREFECTURE IN CYANGUGU REPORTS THAT THE AREA IS NOW CALM, THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TAKING REFUGE AT THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MIBILIZI.

LAND MINE FOUND

3. ON NOV. 10, TWO PEOPLE WERE DISCOVERED
DISEMBARKING FROM A SMALL BOAT ON LAKE KIVU NEAR THE
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COMMUNE OF GAFUNZO, NORTH OF CYANGUGU TOWN. WHEN
CONFRONTED BY THE POPULATION, THE TWO WERE SEARCHED,
AND DISCOVERED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF AN ANTI TANK
MINE. THEY WERE ARRESTED AND BEATEN, AND ARE
REPORTED TO HAVE NAMED THREE ACCOMPLICES LOCATED IN
THE TOWN OF BUSHENGE. THESE THREE APPEAR TO HAVE
BEEN KILLED BY THE POPULATION. THE TWO ORIGINAL
SUSPECTS ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE AUTHORITIES.

WORKER SHOT

4. ON NOV 11, A WORKER AT THE METHODIST MISSIONARY
HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL AT KIBOGORA, NORTH OF CYANGUGU
TOWN, WAS ACCOSTED, BEATEN TO THE GROUND AND THEN
SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY A SOLDIER.
MISSIONARIES DO NOT KNOW WHY THE MAN WAS SHOT. ONE
EXPLANATION IS THAT THE SOLDIER WAS LOOKING FOR
SOMEONE ELSE, AND DID NOT LIKE THE WORKER'S ANSWERS
TO HIS QUESTIONS. MDR YOUTH IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN
DEMONSTRATING AGAINST THE KILLING, AND HAVE DEMANDED
THE RESIGNATION OF THE BOURGMESTRE OF KIRAMBO
COMMUNE. TWO BRIDGES ON THE MAIN ROAD TO THE MISSION
HOSPITAL HAVE BEEN CUT, AS WELL AS THE AREA'S WATER

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LINE, BY MEMBERS OF THE MDR YOUTH.

5. POST HAS BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE AMERICAN MISSIONARIES VIA PHONE AND THE METHODIST RADIO NET. TWO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARE STATIONED IN THE AREA. ALL AMERICANS ARE SECURE AT THIS TIME. THE MISSIONARIES ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS INCIDENT WILL

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TAKE ON POLITICAL OVERTONES.

6. COMMENT: THESE APPARENTLY UNRELATED INCIDENTS ARE OCCURRING IN AN AREA PREVIOUSLY KNOWN FOR ITS RELATIVE CALM. THE ONE FACTOR WHICH HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS IS THE PREFET: RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE AREA, HE WAS PREVIOUSLY PREFET OF THE RURAL PREFECTURE OF KIGALI (AS APPOSED TO KIGALI TOWN), WHICH INCLUDES THE TROUBLED AREA OF BUGASERA. ONE HUMAM RIGHTS GROUP, ADL, LAYS THE RESPONSIBILITY

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FOR THE PARTY CLASHES AT THIS MAN'S FEET, AND HAS
SENT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AREA TO INVESTIGATE.
THE PRESIDENT OF THE MDR PARTY, FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU,
WHO IS FROM CYANGUGU, IS MORE CIRCUMSPECT, BUT IS
WATCHING EVENTS CLOSELY. POST WILL CONTINUE TO
MONITOR THE SITUATION IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE SAFETY
OF AMCITS IN THE AREA. END COMMENT.

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